

ABSTRACT

WA-I-380

19th Century

Bower-Woodcock House  
Williamsport Vicinity  
private

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-380  
District 2  
Map 56  
Parcel 759  
MAGI # 2205075504  
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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bowers-Woodcock House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Doub Road

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Williamsport 6

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ellis A. Woodcock, Sr.

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route # 2, Box 75 A

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21795

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 533

Folio #: 290

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED < 50%

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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This house is located on the west side of Doub Road near the point where it makes a sharp bend to the northwest, east of Williamsport and the Penn Central Railroad tracks in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated on a slight rise of ground and faces southwest.

The structure is a one and a half story brick dwelling resting on fieldstone foundations which become almost a full story in height at the west corner of the house. The house is three bays in length and one bay wide. The window toward the south corner of the front elevation has been enclosed with brick. The house displays Flemish bonding at the front elevation and common bonding at the other walls. Under the main roof span at both the front and rear elevations are porches. To the porch at the rear has been added a modern frame extension. The front porch which extends along the entire front elevation rests on brick piers except where a stone foundation, more recent than the house foundations supports the roof. The posts are turned with curved brackets at their tops. A decorative scroll cut frieze spans the area between the posts. Most of the porch is enclosed with a plain balustrade. The surface of the house has been painted red. The only decorative masonry observed were segmental arches consisting of a double row of header bricks at cellar level openings.

Most windows show evidence of having been rebuilt or altered. Some contain two over two double hung sashes. In the southeast gable wall, a modern double window has been installed. In the southwest slope of the roof are a pair of gable roofed dormers. The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation.

The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and extends beyond the end walls of the house. A moderately large brick chimney is located inside the northwest end wall. A patch in the roof inside the southeast end wall could indicate that a chimney was there at one time.

The house appears to be in good condition and stands on a lot containing 2.78 acres, part of a large 18th century proprietary holding called "Conococheague Manor."

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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This house was part of the estate of William Bowers who died about 1875. In February of 1876, his heirs divided his property into five lots containing 10 or more acres. The property changed hands numerous times during the early 20th century.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.78 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

**Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION

**Washington County Historical Sites Survey**

DATE

**November 1977**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE

**Maryland 21740**

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

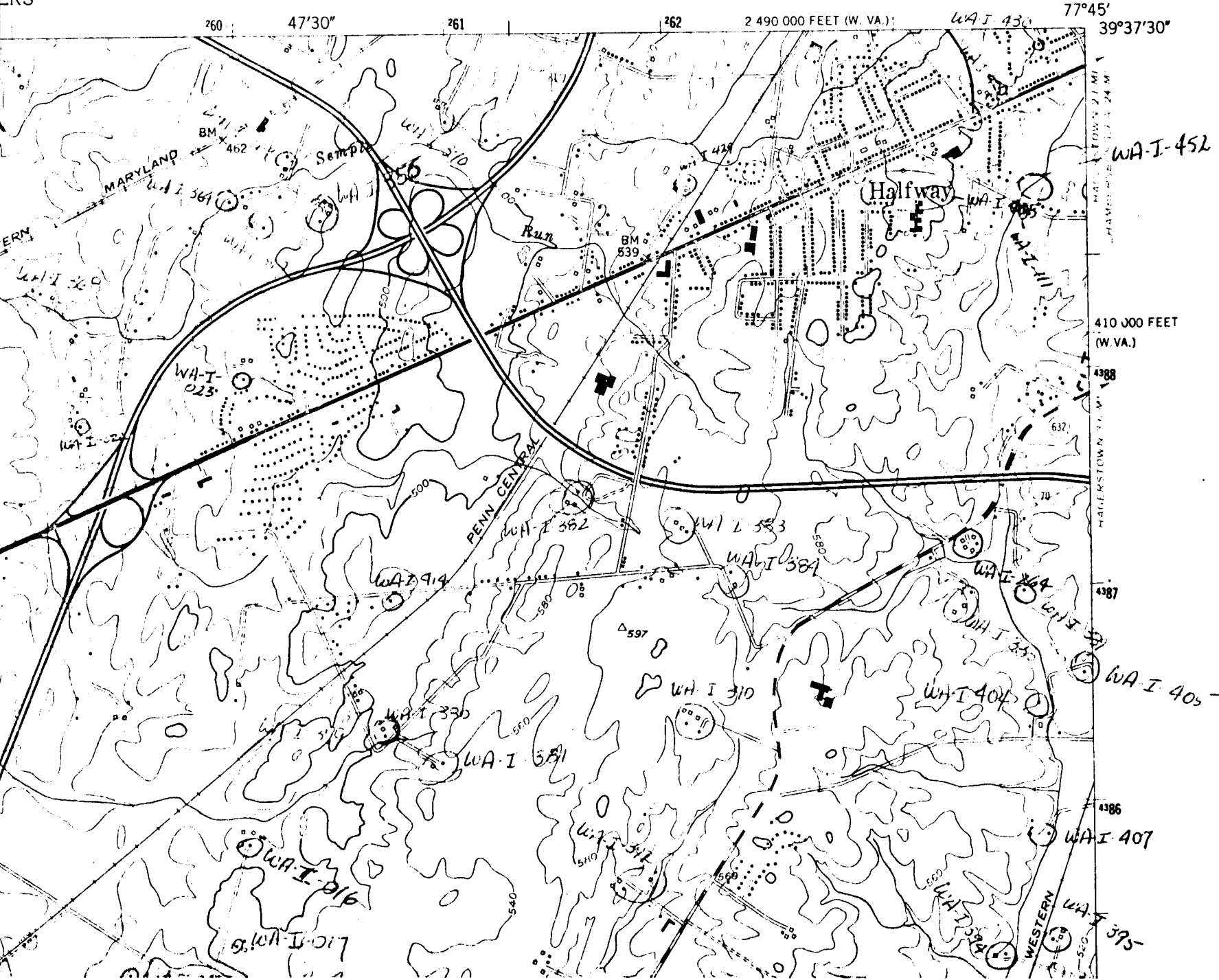
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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WILLIAMSPORT QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SE/4 WILLIAMSPORT 15' QUADRANGLE

5463 (NW  
HAGERSTOWN)

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